

From: Bowman, Randal
To: [Pierson, John C CIV OASN \(EI&E\), ODASN \(Environment\)](#)
Cc: [Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Recreational fishing at Wake Island
Date: Monday, November 27, 2017 2:10:00 PM

Thank you. That's not the underlying message I heard, will do some more follow-up.

On Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 3:05 PM, Pierson, John C CIV OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment) <john.c.pierson@navy.mil> wrote:

Randal,

Thank you for the follow-up. I also happened to chat with someone close to the delegation and it seems the FWS Refuge on Wake prohibits fishing, while the Monument permits recreational fishing. DOI/DOC co-management is smoothing out this issue and working with the new Air Force Commanding Officer.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bowman, Randal [mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Pierson, John C CIV OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Cc: Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Recreational fishing at Wake Island

Due to chance encounters in the DOI cafeteria, I had a chance to discuss this issue with Cynthia Martinez, the head of Refuges, and Shaun Sanchez, and later with Robyn Thorson, the FWS Regional Director for the area that includes the Pacific Islands, both before the delegation visit to Wake. Robyn reported back last week that she talked with the group after the visit, including one of her staff (who she quizzed more directly), [REDACTED]

This was a little surprising, not sure what it means, but at least the key people at FWS are aware of it should it come up again.

On Wed, Oct 25, 2017 at 8:39 AM, Pierson, John C CIV OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment) <john.c.pierson@navy.mil> wrote:

Thank you for reaching out to me. I have spoken with the Air Force at their secretariat level about how this might not be a monument review issue, but I realize local discussions might be helpful. I am also letting the Air Force try and work this out. That said, it is probably a good idea to at least mention this as something for FWS Refuges Deputy Chief Shaun Sanchez and NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Regional Office Director Mike Tosatto to mention with the new CO. I also heard some reservations about the difficult INRMP negotiations, so maybe revising that document is too complex but working together is not.

I can envision someone hearing they can't recreational fish on Wake as unsettling, but perhaps USFWS is just indicating a desire to guide the where and how.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bowman, Randal [mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov]
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Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Pierson, John C CIV OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Cc: Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Recreational fishing at Wake Island

John, I heard from Michael Weiss that there were (b) (5) DPP [REDACTED]

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From: Brooke, Samantha <samantha_brooke@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 9:25 AM
Subject: Re: Recreational fishing at Wake Island
To: "Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Jeff Rupert <Jeff_Rupert@fws.gov>, "Smith, Shannon" <shannon_smith@fws.gov>

Good morning Randy -

Recognizing the need to allow residents of Wake to continue fishing for sustenance and recreation, USFWS worked closely with the USAF to finalize a Fishery Management Plan as part of the updated Final Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for Wake Atoll. These documents were signed in May 2017 and include limitations on fishing areas and a reporting requirement.

Prior to the development of the plan, fishing was not really managed beyond restricting access to areas/species due to contamination. (b) (5) DPP [REDACTED]

As a side note, FWS Refuges Deputy Chief Shaun Sanchez and NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Regional Office Director Mike Tosatto will be traveling to Wake to meet with the new commander next month.

Thank you,
Samantha

On Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 10:27 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Could one of you please check on this and let me know what the issues are?

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